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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): William B. Douglas

Examiner: Robert E. Rhode, Jr.

Serial No.: 09/741,665

Group Art Unit: 3625

Filing Date: December 18, 2000

Title: Blind-supply open commerce business system

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment – “Amendment A” – Response to OA 3/19/2004 ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
(X) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
( ) No additional fee  
( ) Other:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	18	MINUS	18	=	X \$9	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	5	=	X \$43	\$0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$145	\$
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$55	2ND MONTH \$210	3RD MONTH \$475	4TH MONTH \$740	\$210.00	
TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$210.00	

(X) Attached is a check for \$210.00.

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Respectfully submitted,

By:

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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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